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## TAIWAN/NETHERLANDS/PRC: DUTCH NIX SUBMARINE DEAL

The Dutch government announced on February 14 that it was barring the \$2 billion sale of two unarmed submarines to Taiwan, according to press reports. A union representative quickly called on parliament to reverse the decision. The government also announced a \$300 million contract to provide seven Fokker aircraft to the PRC.

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